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Good morning,

My feeling about any settlement or judgement against Microsoft in the anti-trust case is a simple one. They have been found guilty of abusing their monopoly to drive other companies out of business. They have appealed and the appeals court found that they were indeed guilty of abusing their monopoly to drive companies out of business.

Microsoft needs to face a penalty which will put a stop to this behavior. It would be nice if somehow all of the small businesses which have been driven out of business as a result of their tactics could be brought back and their employees and owners compensated. However that is probably impossible. Instead Microsoft needs to face a penalty which will keep them from doing this in the future. Anything which doesn't result in them behaving in an ethical manner is a waste of every penny spent prosecuting them over the last few years.

I don't have any suggestions as to what an appropriate penalty should be. However if talking about the penalty does not result in Microsoft turning on it's propaganda machine, sending large quantities of fake "grass-roots" letters such as this one, buying advertising, etc.... in opposition against the penalty then it isn't harsh enough.

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Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you would be perfectly comfortable.

~~ Bobby Bragan